

Help keep crosswalks safe



Whether by vehicle, foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter or wheelchair, Springfield city streets now serve all modes of transportation.

Crosswalk safety is a top concern of Springfield's Public Works Department. Last year, three pedestrians were killed and 54 injured on Springfield streets.

Public Works has installed audible crosswalk signals at 14 crosswalks in Springfield, with plans to install 11 more this year.

A HAWK (high-intensity activated crosswalk) signal is currently under construction at the intersection of Kimbrough Avenue and East Sunset Street in south Springfield, with operation to begin in March.

When a pedestrian activates the HAWK signal, a flashing yellow light warns drivers approaching the crosswalk. The flashing yellow light is followed by a solid yellow light telling drivers to prepare to stop. The signal then changes to solid red for drivers to stop at the intersection and displays the "Walk" signal for people walking and on bicycles to cross the street with caution. The red signal will begin flashing red after a predetermined amount of time, letting drivers know they can proceed through the intersection when the crosswalk is clear of people on foot and bike. The HAWK signal will then go dark. Drivers can continue through the intersection without stopping until the button is again activated.

How motorists can help with crosswalk safety:

- Actively look for crosswalks, mid-block or at intersections, especially when turning left or right at signals. The pedestrian has the right-of-way, even if the pedestrian indicator shows the flashing red hand. The pedestrian has the right-of-way when the white "Walk" signal and the signal with the flashing orange hand is displayed
- Slow down when approaching a crosswalk.
- Do not pass another vehicle that is slowing down or stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk. In addition to being unsafe, it's illegal to do this.
- Consider where you park in relation to a crosswalk. Parking a large pickup truck, van or SUV on the near side of a crosswalk is likely to block the view of pedestrians and other drivers.

How pedestrians can help with crosswalk safety:

- Cross at the crosswalk and use the signal.
- Clearly demonstrate your intent of crossing at crosswalks, cross when vehicles stop, and continuously watch for additional approaching traffic.

Traffic Safety Programs

The Department of Public Works offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in traffic safety initiatives.

The Bike Safety Program

includes maps and safety information on how to use Springfield's more than 60 miles of streets designated as bike routes.



The School Safety Program

includes the Traffic Control Manual for School Crossing Protection, School Walking Route Maps for each elementary school in the Springfield R-12 School District and signalized school crosswalks equipped with "kid friendly" pedestrian push buttons and education signage.



The Drive 25 Program

helps reduce speeding on residential streets by allowing citizens to serve as models of safe driving. The Drive 25 Program encourages motorists to drive the legal speed limit in their neighborhood and also positively change motorist behavior throughout our community.



The Drive Responsibly Campaign

teaches drivers about the risks of following other vehicles too closely, yielding improperly, speeding and distractions.

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